6. Liaison is maintained with local police to check and stop movements of drugs of doubtful quality through unauthorized and illicit channels.

7. Close liaison is also maintained with the manufacturers and dealers of repute with a view to obtaining information against movement, if any, of drugs of doubtful quality.

8. An Advisory Committee has been constituted by the department to increase the public participation for efficient enforcement. The Committee consists of representatives of India Medical Association, Delhi Medical Association, All India Small Scale Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers Association (Delhi Branch), Chemists Associations and Voluntary Consumers Forums.

The Department has given wide publicity to the DO's and DONT's for consumers through pamphlets and advertisements in the leading newspapers including insistence by consumer for issue of cash memo by the chemists. Advertisements in leading dailies has also been published instructing the dealers to confirm to the requirements of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules while selling drugs.

Family Welfare Programme in West Bengal

1283. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to promote family welfare programme in West Bengal;

(b) the budgetary provision made by Government for this programme; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Family Welfare Programme is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Assistance in cash and kind is being provided to all the States, including West Bengal, for maintenance of infrastructure; supply of drugs, contraceptives and equipments; training; IEC; RCH programme; and a variety of promotional and motivational activities such as payment of compensation to the acceptors of

sterilization/spacing methods; funding to NGOs etc.

A DFID (UK) assisted 'Honorary Health Workers schemes' has been approved for implementation as a pilot project in 11 municipalities viz. Baharampur, Bankura, Bishnupur, Bolpur, Jangirpur, Kalna, Coochbehar, Krishnanagar, Medinipur, Purulia and Suri of West Bengal for a period of one year at a total cost of Rs. 590 lakhs. Scheme-wise budgetary allocation and release made under the National Family Welfare Programme to the State Government of West Bengal during 2003-2004 is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Scheme-wise details of allocation & Release of funds to the State of West Bengal during 2003-04

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Allocation made during 2003-04	Amount released during 2003-04 (till date)
1.	Maintenance of Sub-Centres, Urban FW Services, Direction & Administration, Training Institutions, Transport & Sterilisation Beds	9444.20	7071.15
2.	Compensation for Sterilisation	980.00	735.00
3.	IEC	No State-wise	116.51
4.	RCH Programme	allocation is made	2534.22
5.	National Maternity Benefit Scheme	and releases are demand driven	117.07

Duration of MBBS Course

1284. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Council of India has recommended enhancing the duration of the MBBS course by six months;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that some new components are likely to be introduced in the syllabus;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.